Amendments to Claims:

   This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

   1.   (Currently Amended) A method for automatically configuring devices in a network, comprising:

      the method associating preconfigured defined policy settings with physical locations in the network, the ~~preconceived~~ preconfigured policy settings associated with each physical location in the network being usable to configure network devices at the physical location to function on the network;

      automatically detecting when a new network device is plugged into the network;

      automatically determining a physical location of the new network device in the network; and

      automatically configuring the new network device based on the preconfigured policy settings associated with the physical location of the new network device, wherein associating preconfigured policy settings with physical locations in the network further comprises displaying a configuration screen that allows the user to create different policy settings that specify what configuration actions are to be taken.

   2.   (Cancelled).

   3.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein associating preconfigured policy settings with physical locations in the network further comprises saving the policy settings in a database.

   4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein automatically detecting when a new network device is plugged into the network further comprises transmitting SNMP queries a plurality of switches that traverse the network.

5.　　　(Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein automatically determining a physical location of the new network device in the network further comprises determining which port on the network the new network device is plugged into.

6.　　　(Previously Presented) The method of claim 5 wherein automatically detecting when a new network device is plugged into the network further comprises detecting any combination of newly added devices including routers, switches, computers, and server blades.

7.　　　(Previously Presented) The method of claim 6 wherein automatically detecting when a new network device is plugged into the network further comprises detecting processor blades and switches added to existing server blades.

8.　　　(Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein automatically configuring the new network device based on the preconfigured policy settings associated with the physical location of the new network device further comprising:

retrieving from a database the preconfigured policy settings associated with the physical location of the new network device.